

House Resolution No. 3735

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize KWPM-AM Radio, which is observing its sixtieth year on the air in West Plains, Missouri; and

Whereas, KWPM-AM Radio was founded in 1947 by Bob Neathery, Sr., and the call letters he chose stand for Keep West Plains Moving; and

Whereas, three generations later, KWPM-AM Radio is still family owned and operated at its original location, which also serves as the flagship radio station for the Ozark Advertising Network; and

Whereas, the Ozark Advertising Network owns eight radio stations in West Plains, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, Thayer, Missouri, Willow Springs, Missouri, and Mountain View, Missouri, in addition to the Horse Trader, a newspaper-shopper in West Plains; and

Whereas, the Ozark Advertising Network has seventy employees throughout south central Missouri and northern Arkansas; and

Whereas, KWPM-AM Radio is now simulcasting “Ozark Regional Newstalk Radio” on KUKU-AM in Willow Springs and KALM-AM in Thayer, and globally on the world-wide web; and

Whereas, KWPM-AM Radio has taken pride in bringing local news, sports, information and weather to the West Plains region, and in its sixty years of operation, KWPM-AM Radio has been broadcasting news, sports, information and weather twenty-four hours a day, three hundred sixty-five days a year, for 525,600 continuous hours, and still counting; and

Whereas, a celebration is planned for Friday, June 15, 2007, which will include West Plains’ Mayor, the Honorable Joe Paul Evans:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to KWPM-AM Radio on the auspicious occasion of its sixtieth year on the air serving the citizens of south central Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for KWPM-AM Radio.

Offered by _____
Representative Ward Franz
District No. 151

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3735, adopted May 16, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker